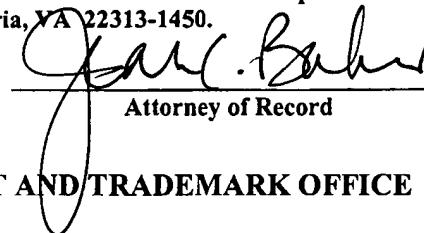




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1. I, Diana M. Downs am one of the named inventors in the above-identified application.
2. I am also one of the authors of Gralnik, et al. (Abstracts of the General Meaning of the American Society for Microbiology, May 21 – 25, 2000) as cited by the Examiner. My co-inventor Jeffrey Gralnick is the other author.
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